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In re Application of:

Patrick de Baetselier et al.

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Sir:

Before examination of the application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, applicants hereby request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, please insert:

"Related Applications: This application claims continuation status under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120